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PENSION COVER FOR UNORGANISED SECTOR
PRABODH PANDA

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering a proposal to widen pension cover mainly to include workers in the unorganised sector; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b): The social security for the unorganized workers is one of the major concerns of the Government. Therefore, a social security scheme for agricultural workers, which constitute the largest segment of the workforce in the unorganized sector has been launched with effect from Ist July, 2001. The benefits under the scheme, inter-alia, include pension cover to these workers. Further, one of the terms of reference of the 2nd National Commission on Labour is to suggest an `Umbrella` legislation for ensuring a minimum level of protection to the workers in the unorganized sector.